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SUBJECT: CODEL PELL

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1. DCM AND EMBOFF CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTRY TO
COORDINATE DEVELOPMENT OF CODEL PELL'S SCHEDULE.

2. THE MINISTRY IS PRESENTLY WORKING ON APPOINTMENT
SCHEDULE FOR THE SENATOR. PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS
WILL MEET WITH THE SENATOR BUT HIS SCHEDULE FOR THE
DAYS OF THE SENATOR'S VISIT IS STILL NOT FIXED. FOREIGN
MINISTER BITSIOS WILL PROBABLY BE OUT OF ATHENS DURING
THE TIME OF THE VISIT BUT UNDER SECRETARY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS CONSTANTINE STAVROPOULOS (THE SECOND MAN AT THE
MFA) WOULD RECEIVE THE SENATOR IF THAT IS AGREEABLE.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE DINNER DCM IS PLANNING TO HOST FOR
THE SENATOR AND SENATOR EAGLETON THE EVENING OF AUGUST 19,
UNDER SECRETARY STAVROPOULOS HAS OFFERED TO HOST A
LUNCHEON FOR THE TWO SENATORS AUGUST 20.

4. THE MFA HAS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED MONDAY AND TUESDAY,
AUGUST 18 AND 19, FOR THE SENATOR'S TRIP TO CYPRUS. WE
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NOTE THE SENATOR'S DESIRE TO HAVE MONDAY MORNING AND

AFTERNOON FREE AFTER HIS LONG JOURNEY FROM PEKING. HOWEVER, AIR SCHEDULES ARE SUCH THAT IF THE SENATOR WISHES BOTH TO VISIT CYPRUS AND TO ATTEND THE LUNCH AND DINNER WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN SCHEDULED THEN DEPARTURE FROM ATHENS AROUND MID-DAY AUGUST 18 AND RETURN FROM CYPRUS EARLY AFTERNOON AUGUST 19 ARE PROBABLY NECESSARY. (THE FLIGHT TAKES APPROXIMATELY TWO AND ONE HALF HOURS. THERE ARE FLIGHTS THAT LEAVE LATE IN THE AFTERNOON AUGUST 18 AND RETURN FLIGHT LATE AUGUST 19, BUT THESE AND ANY OTHER COMBINATIONS APPEAR TO US TO EITHER TERRIBLY RESTRUCT THE TIME IN CYPRUS OR NECESSITATE SOME RUSHING TO MAKE THE DINNER ON AUGUST 19.)

5. THE MFA WAS PREPARED TO MAKE THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TRIP TO CYPRUS. WE SUGGESTED TO THE MFA, HOWEVER, AND THEY AGREED, THAT THE CODEL'S ACCESS TO THE TURKISH SECTOR AND TURKISH-CYPRIOT LEADERS (SHOULD SENATOR DESIRE IT) WOULD BE GREATLY EASED IF HIS VISIT TO THE ISLAND WAS UNDER THE USG RATHER THAN GOG AUSPICES.

6. IN ADDITION TO THE GOG APPOINTMENTS MENTIONED ABOVE, SENATOR PELL MAY WISH TO MEET WITH OTHER GREEK OFFICIALS AND OPINION LEADERS FROM GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION. THE SENATOR WILL BE DINING AUGUST 19 AT DCM'S WITH OPPOSITION LEADER GEORGE MAVROS, ALTERNATE COORDINATION MINISTER IOANNIS BOUTOS, DEPUTY MINISTER TO PRIME MINISTER PANAYOTIS LAMBRIAS, AND KATHIMERINI PUBLISHER HELEN VLACHOS. SHOULD SENATOR DESIRE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AT GREATER LENGTH WITH ANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS THE EMBASSY WOULD BE PLEASED TO MAKE SEPARATE APPOINTMENTS.

7. THE SENATOR MAY ALSO WISH TO MEET WITH A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NEW FORCES OPPOSITION GROUP. IN THE ABSENCE FROM GREECE OF IOANNIS PEZMASOGLOU MOST LOGICAL AND ARTICULATE SPOKESMAN WOULD BE VIRGINIA TSOUDEROS WHO IS AMERICAN TRAINED AND WHOM THE SENATOR MAY HAVE ALREADY MET IN WASHINGTON.

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8. WE NOTE THAT PASOK LEADER ANDREAS PAPANDREOU HAS INDICATED THAT HE PLANS TO BE ABSENT FROM ATHENS DURING THE PERIOD OF THE SENATOR'S STAY. WE CAN ENDEAVOR TO SET UP A MEETING WITH ANOTHER PASOK FIGURE, DEPUTY IOANNIS HARALAMBOPOULOS SHOULD THE SENATOR DESIRE.

9. THE SENATOR MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN VISITING URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND CITY PLANNING INSTITUTE

ESTABLISHED BY THE LATE CONSTANTINE DOXIADES.

10. THE MFA INFORMS US THAT STATE REPRESENTATIVE PANICHAS WILL BE ARRIVING FROM NEW YORK CITY AUGUST 16 ON OLYMPIC AIRLINES 412. THE MFA HAS MADE RESERVATIONS FOR HIM AT THE GRANDE BRETAGNE. HE WILL BE MET AT THE AIRPORT BY FSO FRIEDMAN AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE.

11. MFA ALSO TELLS US THAT A MEMBER OF THE SENATOR'S STAFF WILL DEFINITELY ACCOMPANY HIM IN ATHENS, AND MAY ARRIVE WITH PANICHAS AUGUST 16 ON OLYMPIC 412. WE HAVE RESERVED A SINGLE ROOM AT THE GRANDE BRETAGNE. THE NAME OF THE STAFFER SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT GARBLED IN TRANSMISSION FROM THE GREEK EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO THE MFA, AND WE ARE UNABLE TO IDENTIFY HIM FROM THE CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTORY.

12. ACTION REQUESTED. FOR PEKING: PLEASE INFORM SENATOR PELL OF THE CONTENTS OF THE TELEGRAM AND OBTAIN HIS REACTIONS SOONEST, PARTICULARLY TO PARAGRAPHS 4-9. FOR WASHINGTON: PLEASE VERIFY PANICHAS' TRAVEL PLANS, AS WELL AS THE IDENTITY AND TRAVEL PLANS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL STAFFER.

13. FOR NICOSIA: THE SENATOR'S SCHEDULE IS STILL NOT FIXED. WE WILL KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH YOU TO PROVIDE AS MUCH ADVANCE INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE (REF B).
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